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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor:

Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chairman Daniel Armstrong
Vice-Chairman Meredith Harker
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Brad Christopherson
Council Member Curt Cochran

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
John Hiskey, Government Relations Specialist

Chairman Daniel Armstrong conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:08 p.m.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

2. Adjourn

Chair Armstrong declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
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Others: Susan Yadeskie, Carl Fauver, John Gidney, Lynn Handy, Lynette Wendel, Marc McElreathDawn Kelly, Kathy Main, Michelle Blue, Tracy Naff, Jean Hellstrom, Nicole Hellstrom, Logan Sanders, Haylen Redford, Liz Muinte, Marcy Bennion, Emily Donaldson, Janice Fields, Melora Wood (Churchill), Kris Nicholl, Cory Harrison, Susan Yadeski, Sue Shorey, Geana Randall, Lya Watasha, Tyne Hennessy, Zaily Connell, Jess Gomez, Lisa Volungis, Jason Smith, Stephanie Smith, Darla Young, Kelly Smith, Sheila Perez, Brent Chisham, Carolyn Potter, Beth Sanders, Celeste Bailey, Erick Whatcott, Damian Rudoph, Damon Garcia, Janeen Peck, Madelaine Perkins, Dana Anderson, David Polugar, Linda Polugar, Cathy Williams, Shannon Hines, DeAnn Shepherd, Cathy Nuesmeyer, Jessica Vigos, Dede Minardi, Emily Strong, George Priday, Karren Olsen, Lisa Peterson, Jamie Arvis, Robert Littlefield, Staci Johnson, Karren Bassett, Jayne Davis, Mem Jenkins, Nicolle Maynes, Michelle

Thornell, Calvin Sakamoto, Victoria Reilly, Jennifer Reilly, Andrea MacDonald, Heidi Fernandes, Debi Bouchard, Cathie Woods, Royce Larsen, Scouts from Troop 277

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS


 6:34 PM Chairman Daniel Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.


1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – *Council Member Cochran (Opening Ceremonies for May 1, 2019 to be arranged by Council Member Harker)*


Council Member Curt Cochran directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Curt Cochran offered the Reverence.


1.2 Mayor's Report

 6:35 PM Mayor Kristie Overson discussed code compliance efforts in the city. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Earth Day Collection event on April 27, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at City Center. She relayed that free landfill passes are currently available at City Hall for Taylorsville residents (two per household).


 6:37 PM The Mayor reported on a Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention (TRCC) Board Meeting she attended a couple of weeks ago. She said program guidelines and principles are currently being reviewed by that board. She relayed that she also attended a meeting with the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Board Meeting yesterday. She cited a great presentation given on potential flooding in the valley and preparation efforts for such. She cited the budget document for UFA and said it is available for review in her office. She said there is no change to taxes anticipated this year.


 6:40 PM Mayor Overson described a public hearing held last week by the Unified Police Department (UPD) regarding body cams. She said the UPD Board will be deciding the fate of body cams. She said review is still being given to salary and wage increases and the valuation formula for cities leaving UPD. She invited the Council to forward any questions to her. She thanked Officer Archie and the SRO for the opportunity to participate in a "Fun Run" at Vista Elementary last week. She noted that she was also able to attend the "Kids and Cops Arts


Exhibition Banquet,” where a third of the awards presented were to Taylorsville schools. The Mayor observed that these events are great chances for students to interact with police officers.


 6:43 PM The Mayor thanked the many people in attendance for coming.


1.3 Citizen Comments


 6:44 PM Chairman Daniel Armstrong recognized scouts in attendance from Troop 277. He then reviewed the citizen comment procedures and called for any citizen comments.


 6:46 PM Emily Strong, of the First Train Home organization, described efforts of this group. She spoke against shelters that use gas chambers.


 6:48 PM Dede Minardi, a Taylorsville resident and the Director of Operations for the Community Animal Welfare Society (CAWS), said she was representing a group. She encouraged humane methods of euthanasia. She spoke against the use of gas chambers.


 6:52 PM DeAnn Sheppard, a Taylorsville resident, noted that West Valley City (WVC) Animal Services still has a gas chamber for euthanasia. She recommended removing the gas chamber and using euthanasia by injection instead.


 6:55 PM Jennifer Reilly, with the Utah Chapter of the Humane Society, relayed that Utah is only one of four states where a gas chamber is still used. She cited focus on community education and awareness. She asked that humane methods be utilized for putting animals down. Victoria Reilly also referenced reasons to do away with gas chambers.


 6:57 PM Jessica Vigos spoke against the use of gas chambers to euthanize animals. She recommended going to a shelter that uses humane methods.

 6:59 PM David Polugar, District Leader of the Humane Society of Taylorsville, spoke about higher costs associated with the use of gas chambers for euthanizing animals.


 7:01 PM Cory Harrison, of YMCA of Northern Utah, asked the City Council to provide a letter of support for the application of several large-scale grants being sought for YMCA services. He described uses in Taylorsville for any grant monies received.

 7:03 PM Karren Olsen relayed that she takes care of the feral cat community through the TNT program and is against gas chambers. She said she favors a humane lethal injection instead.


 7:04 PM Celeste Bailey said she runs a local animal rescue and is vested in animal care in the State. She spoke against having gas chambers in animal shelters and said this affects overall welfare of animals in the community.


 7:06 PM Cathy Williams, of West Jordan, suggested ways the city can improve education about animal welfare.


 7:09 PM Jess Gomez urged the city to contract for animal services with Salt Lake County so that there is needed weekend coverage.


 7:10 PM Andrea MacDonald, of West Valley City, said she is a volunteer for the Best Friends Society. She shared an example of an inhumane incident that occurred in a gas chamber. She asked that gas chambers be discontinued

 7:13 PM Michelle Thornell, spoke against gas chambers.

 7:15 PM Logan Sanders spoke against gas chambers.

 7:18 PM Kris Nicholl, a current member of the Sandy City Council, spoke about cost savings and service improvements since removing the gas chambers in Sandy City. She said that removing the gas chambers has had no negative effect in her city and has brought peace of mind to residents.

 7:20 PM Lynette Wendell thanked those in attendance for voicing their opinions.

 7:21 PM There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Armstrong closed the citizen comment period.


 7:22 PM Council Member Meredith Harker thanked those in attendance for their community involvement.


2. APPOINTMENTS


There were no appointments.


3. REPORTS

3.1 Legislative Updates – *John Hiskey*


 7:23 PM Government Relations Specialist John Hiskey reported on activity during the recent Utah Legislative Session and described issues pertinent to Taylorsville. He specifically summarized legislation regarding public safety retirement, asset forfeiture, local boards and city council structure, the Jordan River Parkway Recreation Area, affordable housing, tax restructuring and equalization, and business license amendments for pawn shops.

 7:34 PM Mr. Hiskey thanked Representative Mike Winder and Senator Wayne Harper for their hard work on many bills that impact Taylorsville.


 7:41 PM Senior Planner Angela Price commented on options for addressing affordable housing issues in municipalities. She cited the moderate income housing plan that has recently been updated and will be presented for Council consideration soon. She noted that submission of the plan is required by December 1, 2019 in order for the city to be eligible for funding. She added that updates to land use, transportation, and housing elements of the General Plan are also required by SB 34.


 7:42 PM Mr. Hiskey commended Mayor Overson and City Administrator John Taylor for being very involved and participating in this year's legislative session. He also recognized Ms. Price for assuming some legislative responsibilities in regard to housing issues. He expressed thanks for being part of a great team in Taylorsville.


3.2 Historic Preservation Committee Report – *Susan Yadeskie*

 7:43 PM Chair Susan Yadeskie reported on recent events and upcoming activities for the Taylorsville Historic Preservation Committee. She thanked the city for its great support of the committee. She cited some needed improvements to the home on the Heritage Center property. She is meeting with Blake Schroeder and Keith Sorensen on May 7, 2019 to discuss submitted repair plans. She indicated that some remaining funds in the budget will be used to improve curb appeal at the Heritage Center.

Ms. Yadeskie relayed that school tours of the Heritage Center will begin on April 29, 2019. She also described a mapping project that Keith Sorensen is working on to overlay maps of Taylorsville dating back to 1880. Ms. Yadeskie cited resources that Mr. Sorensen is using for the mapping project. Council Member Christopherson recommended contacting the Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District for possible help.

 7:52 PM Ms. Yadeskie referenced continued work on oral histories. She relayed that a Museum Day will be held in September, with a workshop to educate people on how to do oral histories and transcriptions.

 7:53 PM Ms. Yadeskie relayed that she and Council Member Harker met with the Arts Council to discuss the upcoming Tombstone Tales event in 2020. She said a grant has been written to help with funding for the event. She noted that this will be a big celebration to commemorate 22 years since Tombstone Tales began.


 7:53 PM Council Member Harker recognized committee members for their hard work. Chair Armstrong added his thanks and expressed excitement for the upcoming Tombstone Tales event.


4. CONSENT AGENDA


There were no items for the Consent Agenda.


5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Resolution No. 19-13 – Public Hearing and a Resolution Adopting the City of Taylorsville’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan – *Angela Price*

 7:55 PM Senior Planner Angela Price introduced the subject resolution to consider adoption of the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan for Taylorsville. She explained that this is a standard document outlining Taylorsville’s citizen participation process for the CDBG Program.

 7:57 PM Chairman Armstrong opened the public comment period on this matter and called for citizen comments.

 7:57 PM There were no public comments and Chairman Armstrong declared the public comment period closed.

 7:57 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-13, as presented. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dan Armstrong called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Cochran-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, and Armstrong-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Council Chair Armstrong – Raised a question from neighbors about a problem house that law enforcement was dealing with back in February. Mr. Taylor said there has been no contact yet with the property owner, but the process is in place. He said the city may have to clean up the property if it is not improved soon.

8.2 Council Vice Chair Harker – Invited anyone available to participate in the Tree Planting event on May 4, 2019.

8.3 Council Member Burgess – Promoted the Earth Day Collection/City-Wide Clean Up event on April 27, 2019.

8.4 Council Member Christopherson – Commented on the “no kill” status of the West Valley City Animal Shelter. He recommended that the city request an analysis from West Valley City regarding the shelter’s methods of euthanasia. City Administrator John Taylor discussed a broad survey that will go out to all residents. Council Member Christopherson discussed the Neighborhood Dumpster Cleanup Program and cited a resident’s complaint about how the program is conducted. He asked if anyone else has heard of concerns. The option was described for reserving a drop-off dumpster (with fees waived), when a neighborhood group of at least five properties participates. It was noted that the dumpster must be placed on a responsible resident’s property. The availability of dump vouchers was also mentioned.

8.5 Council Member Cochran – Noted that there will be a Cinco de Mayo Celebration held in conjunction with the Tree Planting event on May 4, 2019. Council Member Cochran said he has heard complaints about the rotating schedule for the Neighborhood Dumpster Cleanup Program, but acknowledged the need for someone to be last. He also made observations about the emotional opinions expressed over animal euthanasia. He cited other components in the program that must be considered when determining whether to switch providers for animal services.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)



8:08 PM

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, May 1, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 1, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 Planning Commission Work Session – Tues., May 14, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.6 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.7 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.8 Planning Commission Work Session – Tues., May 28, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)



8:08 PM

- 10.1 Earth Day Collection Event: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 - Taylorsville City Hall.**
- 10.2 Taylorsville and Salt Lake Community College Symphony Performance: Friday, May 3, 2019 – 7:30 p.m. – Bennion Junior High**
- 10.3 Spring into Spring Tree Planting and Cinco de Mayo Event: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon - Mill Race Park.**
- 10.4 Taylorsville Dayzz: June 27-29, 2019**

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205

It was determined that a Closed Session was not needed and no Closed Session was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT



8:09 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Curt Cochran **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dan Armstrong called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Cochran-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, and Armstrong-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 05-01-19

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder